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KNOW YOUR DEPARTMENTS

THE SHOPS

THE Shop Department originated in a shack at the back of the old Main Exchange about the beginning of the century when the blacksmith, who was the entire shop staff at that time, sharpened digging tools for the line gangs.

Looking into its history we find that, like the proverbial chicken and egg, it is difficult to say whether George Matthews or Mack Sym came first. According to many old timers George "has it," but Mack's supporters still insist that he was the original shop staff. From there on we can use the official records. F. Small was the first foreman, 1908-1911, J. Paterson succeeding him in 1912. F. W. Brownell and E. H. Williams followed in quick succession in their moves to other departments. The late E. Bird filled the position until 1918 when the late W. Thomas took over, and he in turn, was succeeded by the present incumbent, S. J. Bullock, in 1933. The Shop is in reality a branch of the Engineering Department under the direction of the Chief Engineer, J. F. Mills.

From its humble beginning of a blacksmith, the department has grown until today it has a staff of 75 employees, supervised by S. J. Bullock, Superintendent, who is as-



Shop Superintendent S. J. Bullock

sisted by F. Retson, Shop Foreman; A. Wildgoose, Carpenter Foreman; W. Kelly, Automatic Supervisor; and A. Sutherland, Chief Clerk.

The function of the shop is primarily to repair all telephone equipment, either subscribers' or central office, but in addition to this, and, due to the inability of the manufacturers to meet the demand for materials, it has of necessity become more and more a manufacturing department.

The building and remodelling of switchboards has long been a function of the Shop but the manufacture of telephones was only a temporary expedient and has been discontinued. During the war period over 6,000 telephones were made in addition to 10,000 repaired.

In the switchboard department, with an average staff of four, the production is about ten P.B.X.'s and eight magneto switchboards

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Left: Shop Foreman F. Retson.



Right: Office Staff—T. Todd, E. Callow, A. Sutherland, Chief Clerk.



The last man to return to the department from active service, Gordon Whitaker, resumes operations by making dial cords.



Starting another badly needed switchboard on its way to a subscriber, Walter Beatty and Jack Millington building switchboard cabinets.

Where old style telephones disappear. Eddie Tinkler and Bob Ruppel dismantel 'phones removed from service.



THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN — Finisher Joe Roddam sprays switch covers.

GETTING READY FOR THE FALL RUSH — Charlie Retson, Arthur Richards and Reg. Wall are busy wiring switchboards for country service.



Larry Hammond and Jack Lee at the buffing machines putting the final polish on telephone parts.





Repairing cradle 'phones is the job of Ross Burns, Larry Hammond and Jack Lee.



Jack LaRue puts the finishing touches to an operator's transmitter before sending it up for testing. In the background Alan Tye is repairing transmitters.



Finisher Tommy Ginn adds a little color to some furniture. This employee refinishes all the wooden telephones that pass through the department, besides the finishing of switchboards, cabinets and office furniture.



On the lathe, Harold Biddulph and Ross Burns turning a piece part for a radio antenna.



Keeping the System's thousands of dials in running order is a major problem for the Shop. Don Smith adds another one to the repaired and tested category.

Tester Henry Tiley making the final test and inspection of a telephone before shipping to Plant Dept. All telephones must pass through this inspection before being placed in service.



manufactured per year besides the regular amount of repairs.

The exchange construction staff has been experiencing one of its busiest periods, having recently completed extensions of 1,000 lines in both Norwood and Fort Rouge Exchanges and 300 lines in Brandon Exchange. In the provincial area magneto switchboards have been installed at Baldur, Grand Beach, Kenton, Boissevain and Gladstone; carrier terminals at Neepawa, Minnedosa, Dauphin, Fort Rouge and St. Pierre.

Probably the greatest increase in the last year has occurred in the carpenter shop where the staff has grown from three to fourteen. With one eye on the weather, the members of this department have been hurrying to finish the two provincial exchanges under construction at Winkler and Gimli, as well as the two radio buildings at Bissett and Great Falls. This will make a total of five radio buildings completed and two more anticipated this year. This construction of provincial exchange buildings is another new line of work that the Shop has been called upon to assume. It will give the department the unique distinction of building an exchange from the turning of the first sod to the cutting into service of the new switchboard.

The blacksmith shop, which is the last remnant of the old shop on Henry Avenue, is where the System's smithy and his helper are engaged in a various assortment of jobs from repairing a blow torch to changing the structure of a concrete mixer. Last year this pair of employees produced over 5,000 ground rods, repaired 5,500 machine bolts, in addition to the repairing of tools and line hardware.

The office staff, under the supervision of A. Sutherland, is entrusted with the somewhat onerous duties of preparing payrolls (the most important duty as far as the shop employees are concerned), the pricing and entering of material used and recovered on work orders, the preparing of the material reports and cost reports, the requisitioning of materials and the keeping of stock reports.

LOOK OUT —

DANGER AHEAD!

As the winter season approaches the necessity of exercising greater care in driving motor vehicles under slippery and treacherous road conditions is again with us.

Make it your personal responsibility to avoid accidents with the consequent danger to life and the serious loss of time due to vehicles being off the road while under repair.

Don't forget that the courtesy and carefulness of our drivers is reflected in the public's opinion of the Telephone System.

FRONTISPIECE

The Close of the Summer—A scene from Manitoba's most northerly summer resort, Beaver Lake, 17 miles from Flin Flon.



Left: Finishing the front steps of the new exchange at Winkler.

Below: Building the basement of the Gimli Exchange.



BEST KEPT PREMISES

Competition 1947



DYER SHIELD



STONEWALL



ROSE BOWL TROPHY BOISSEVAIN



NEEPAWA



CYPRESS RIVER



DELORAINÉ



SOMERSET



WAWANESIA

HONOURABLE
MENTION
•
MELITA
SIDNEY
SELKIRK
CARBERRY
SWAN RIVER

Presentation of Best Kept Premises Awards

IN recognition of a job well done, the Boissevain and Stonewall Exchanges were awarded the Rose Bowl and Dyer Shield, respectively, in the Best Kept Premises Competition this year.

The Dyer Shield, representative of the best kept exchange in the province, also carries a cash prize of \$50.00. An office must first win the Dyer Shield for two years to be eligible to enter the competition for the Rose Bowl.

ROSE BOWL PRESENTATION

On October 23rd the presentation of the Rose Bowl was made to Boissevain's Chief Operator, Miss A. O'Neill, by Mr. H. Coddington, General Commercial Superintendent, who remarked that it was the twenty-third time he had had the honor of making the presentation and that on looking over his records he noticed that the Boissevain office had won the Dyer Shield and the Rose Bowl on five occasions. This, he said, spoke volumes for the Chief Operator and her staff, Mr. R. Stroud, Districtman, and his assistant, Mr. R. Stone.

Mayor E. I. Dow made the presentation of the plaque, emblematic of a miniature shield to be held permanently by the office, thanking those who were responsible for again bringing honor to the Boissevain office and to the town.

Reeve Patterson spoke on behalf of the

municipality, E. T. Johnson on behalf of the Board of Trade and W. V. Udall on behalf of the press.

Members of the staff, assisted by Mrs. R. Stroud and Mrs. R. Stone, served a very enjoyable tea after the ceremony.

DYER SHIELD PRESENTATION

Districtman T. Wedge was the recipient, on behalf of the Stonewall staff, of the Dyer Shield, presented by Mr. W. G. Corbett, at a special ceremony on October 15th. A cheque for \$50.00, which is part of the award, was accepted by Miss Mae Alt, Chief Operator, from W. J. Campbell, M.L.A., and the Certificate of Merit was presented to Mr. Wedge by Reeve J. W. Good.

Lunch was served by the members of the staff at the conclusion of the presentations.

Mr. W. G. Corbett presents the Dyer Shield to Districtman T. J. Wedge.



Below—ATTENDING THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY—Back Row, l. to r.: H. P. Shaw, L. Waite and daughter Patsy, G. McConkey, D. Campbell. Second Row: T. Reekie, F. V. Gange, T. J. Wedge. Third Row: J. Good, B. T. Dawson. Fourth Row: W. Campbell, W. G. Corbett, Mrs. R. Kyle, Mrs. T. J. Wedge. Fifth Row: Mrs. L. Waite, F. Andeson. Front Row: H. Coddington, M. Alt, M. Gardiner, P. Merrill, B. Mollard, E. Appleyard, J. McGregor. Lower Right—Chief Operator M. Alt receives the \$50.00 cheque from Mr. W. J. Campbell, M.L.A.



T. T. CLUB INITIATION

T. T. Club opened the season with Initiation Night on October 3rd when twelve new "Clubbers" were given a big welcome into the ranks.

The initiates paraded from the club rooms in Sherbrook Exchange to Portage Ave. and Vaughan St., dressed in a great variety of costumes. There was a ballet dancer, a professor, a couple of scarecrows, a little boy, orators, an artist, a farmer and many others.

On the corner of Portage and Vaughan Mr. Zip (Betty Maloney) mounted a soap box prepared to give a talk on the new length of skirts this season, but it proved to be quite a short speech when the arm of the law appeared. The parade then started on its way back, stopping off at the Mall Bowling Alleys where the Kid (Muriel Chalmers) made a strike, lost his mother and his big balloon. Continuing on down Portage Avenue the Professor (Dorothy Williams) quoted "The Raven" to passers-by. One-Eyed Marjorie (Diane Rees) had a friendly greeting for everyone she met and the little Farmer (Ruth Radley) lost his pet pig "Patty." Reaching The Normandy, Mr. and Mrs. Oldtimer (Dorothy Warmington and Nonie Smith) went in and tripped the light fantastic. Finally everyone returned to the club rooms to be solemnly admitted into the club.

After a short business meeting refreshments were served. Hallowe'en decorations, cut flowers and tapers made a very pretty tea table. Hostesses for the evening were: Lily Young, Isabel Woodcock, Florence Wood, Elsie Willis, Madeline Thomson, Betty Taylor (Collection Dept.), Betty Taylor (Comptroller's Dept.), Yvonne Sauve, Adrienne Sylvester, Dean Sutherland.



Newly elected President, Betty Taylor.

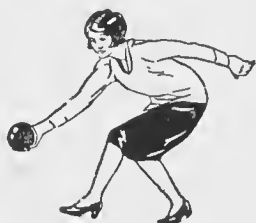


With the President, these three girls form the Executive for the 1947-48 season. L. to r.: Dorothy Davis, Secretary; Adele Meisner, Vice-President; Irene Norris, Treasurer.

INITIATES—Standing, l. to r.: Muriel Chalmers, Diane Rees, Marian Smith, Joan Sanders, Betty Maloney, Gerry Smith, Mary Dent, Ruth Radley. Sitting: Nonie Smith, Dorothy Warmington, Dorothy Williams, Olive Millar.



BOWLING ACTIVITIES



1947-48 Executive, l. to r.: J. Groat, Treasurer; E. McCook, Vice-President; W. Cramp, President; M. McLaren, Secretary.

SIXTEEN teams resumed their bowling activities on Thursday, September 18th, at Victoria Alleys when the Commissioner bowled the first ball of the season to set things rolling.

October 30th saw the end of the first quarter with the following results:

Connectors	212	Buttins	148½
Contacts	180	Can Tops	145½
Pluggers	179	Top Pins	145
Echoes	171½	Resistors	141½
Arresters	160	O.O.O.'s	140
Jumpers	159	Repeaters	132½
P.B.X.'s	155½	Short Circuits	122½
Howlers	151½		

Ladies' High Single Game—D. Rees.....	291
Ladies' High Three Games—B. Baker.....	772
Gents' High Single Game—F. Griffith.....	325
Gents' High Three Games—W. Cramp.....	815
Team High Single Game—Connectors.....	1,304
Team High Three Games—Connectors.....	3,385

Following are the personnel of the teams for this season:

ARRESTERS—

F. Adams—Capt.
D. Simmons
N. Porter
R. Fraser
D. Peters

CAN TOPS—

N. Baker—Capt.
J. Rees
D. Yates
J. Clark
H. Martin

BUTTINS—

F. Challoner—Capt.
B. Courtney
B. Bedford
J. Beech
G. Blake

CONNECTORS—

W. Cramp—Capt.
E. Helm
M. Tomes
C. Thornhill
A. Willie

CONTACTS—

C. Baker—Capt.
M. Haire
S. Miller
T. Williams
R. Gosling

ECHOES—

E. McCook—Capt.
J. Groat
B. Chard
R. Tingle
G. Mitchell

HOWLERS—

S. Tingle—Capt.
G. Mooney
B. Baker
R. Krall
R. Burbank

JUMPERS—

G. Sutherland—Capt.
E. Groat
G. Donald
A. McDonald
J. Wintink

O.O.O.'S—

L. Hearsom—Capt.
V. Sim
N. McKellar
C. Merrick
J. Short

P.B.X.'S—

J. Harris—Capt.
B. Mann
F. Wood
J. McPherson
A. Laidlaw

PLUGGERS—

H. McColl—Capt.
M. McLaren
G. McColl
E. Vien
A. Corbett

REPEATERS—

E. Mason—Capt.
L. Shaw
C. McNabb
J. Jamieson
R. Black

RESISTERS—

F. Griffith—Capt.
B. Williams
M. McKellar
S. Headon
B. Collicutt

RINGERS—

H. Barker—Capt.
J. McKenzie
W. Mason
N. Stallard
J. Grapho

SHORT CIRCUITS—

N. Lusignan—Capt.
F. Cavers
A. Nicol
D. Wintink
D. Simcox

TOP PINS—

A. Thompson—Capt.
G. Magnusson
D. Rees
A. Lemay
B. Chyphya

TRANSCONA CUTOVER

By J. FENTON

AT midnight, July 19th, the Transcona telephone service was changed from manual to automatic operation. Mr. P. Millar, Commissioner, inaugurated the automatic service by placing a long distance call to Mr. A. R. Paulley, the Mayor of Transcona, who was vacationing in Toronto and was a guest of the Toronto Press Club in the Royal York Hotel at that time. Upon completion of the opening remarks a connection was also established with Mayor Saunders of Toronto who was located in a mobile radio telephone equipped car which was cruising in down town Toronto. After Mr. Millar had completed this conversation, members of the Trans-

cona City Council conversed with the Transcona Mayor.

Mr. Millar commended the work of the local staff, paying high tribute to Mrs. Peterson, Chief Operator, and her assistants and called upon Mr. W. H. Backhouse, Comptrol-

Members of the M. T. S. and the Northern Electric Co. who made the cutover possible:

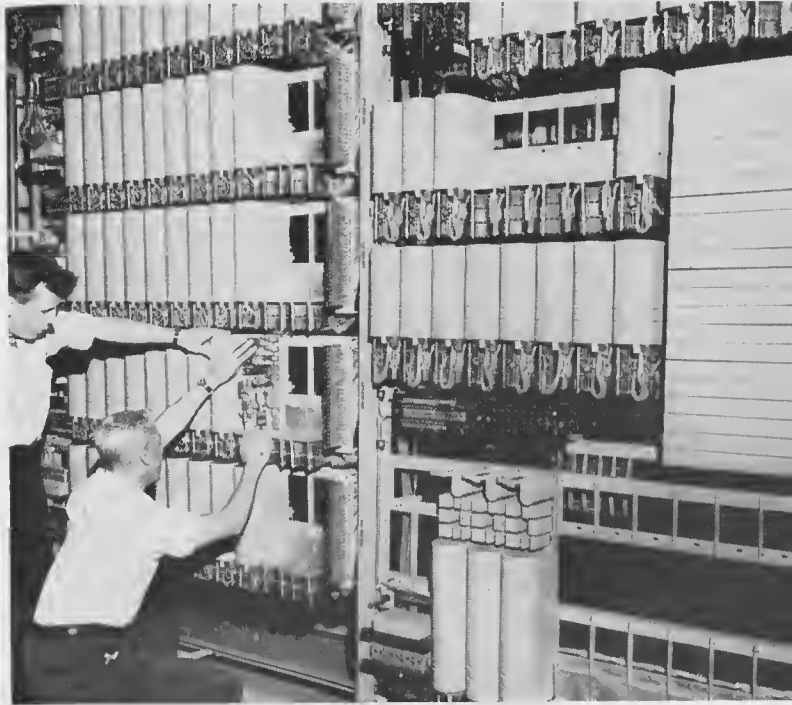
Front Row, l. to. r.: F. V. Gange, General Supervisor, Commercial Dept.; H. E. Ablett, Equipment Chief, City Plant; J. R. Vien, General Foreman, City Plant.

Second Row, l. to r.: J. Fenton, Dial Equipment Engineer; R. McKenzie, Rackman; G. E. Windatt, Engineering Dept.

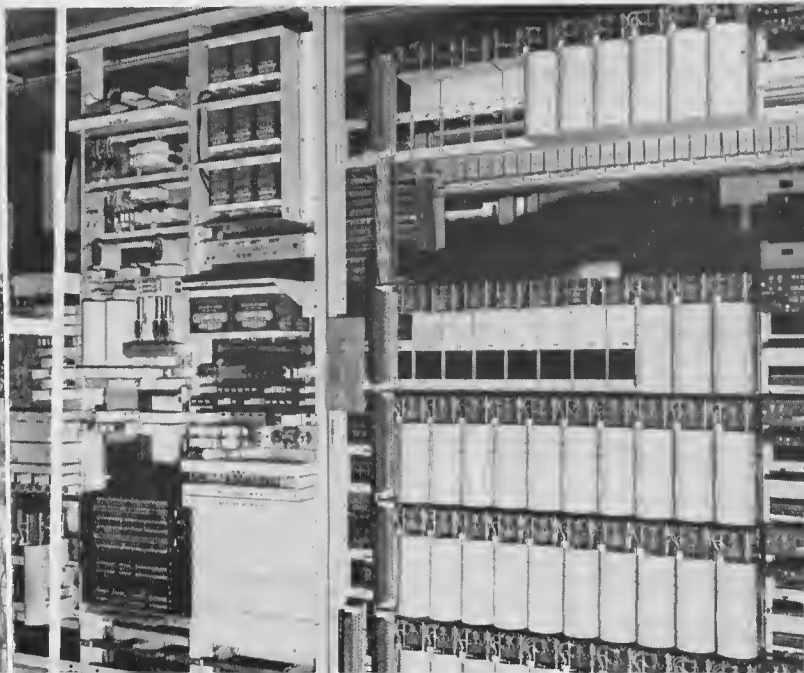
Third Row, l. to r.: T. Breen, Cableman; G. Maher, Installation Dept.

Fourth Row, l. to r.: J. F. Mills, Chief Engineer; K. Alward, Northern Electric Co. Installation Foreman; D. Paton, Installer, Northern Electric Co.; J. D. Peart, Manager, Telephone Division, Northern Electric Co.

Back Row, l. to r.: J. Deane, Installer, City Plant; C. H. Baker, Installation Foreman, City Plant; J. L. Bovey, City Plant Supervisor; H. Coddington, General Superintendent, Commercial Dept.; M. A. Drew, Cable Foreman, City Plant.



Views of Automatic Equipment recently installed in Transcona Exchange. Above—D. G. Paton and K. Alward, Installation Department, Northern Electric Co.





TRANSCONA'S OPERATING STAFF PRIOR TO THE CUTOVER TO AUTOMATIC—Back Row, l. to r.: L. Gardner, L. Musgrove, H. Sward. Front Row, l. to r.: M. Chudley, A. Peterson, A. Barbor.
Left: L. Musgrove, the last operator to be on duty at the Exchange.

ler, who presented each member of the staff with a gift for their loyal support during their time of service with the Manitoba Telephone System at Transcona.

The operating staff consisted of the following: Mrs. A. Peterson, Chief Operator; Mrs. A. Barbor, Mrs. L. Musgrove, Misses Lillian Gardner, Margaret Chudley, Helen Sward. Mrs. Peterson will be retained in Transcona as Commercial Department representative with an office in the Transcona Municipal Building. Misses Chudley and Gardner were transferred to the Fort Rouge Toll Office.

The cutover was effected in quick order, all in accordance with pre-arranged details. The automatic dial equipment, which is of Northern Electric Co. manufacture, embodies all the latest developments in automatic telephony and together with a completely new outside plant distribution system and the installation of only the most modern telephone instruments, will provide the Transcona telephone users with the highest quality telephone service.

This automatic exchange will be the first in the Manitoba Telephone System to be operated on an unattended basis. Trouble alarm facilities are extended to the Winnipeg Automatic Dial System for supervision and maintenance purposes and D. S. A. services are also provided from the Winnipeg dial network.

Modernization of the exchange building for automatic service included the installation of industrial electrical heating.

CALLS FROM TRANSCONA

The dial equipment is arranged to permit any Transcona subscriber to dial directly any number listed in the greater Winnipeg telephonic directory, including the desk services; i.e., Complaint and Information Services, by prefixing the directory listed number by the digit "9."

Metering facilities have been provided to register all completed calls with the exception of desk services, long distance, etc. The Transcona subscriber will reach long distance by dialing only the digit "0."

CALLS TO TRANSCONA

Greater Winnipeg area subscribers calling Transcona shall dial "0" and have the long distance operator extend them to the required Transcona number.

TRANSCONA LOCAL CALLS

Calls within the Transcona area will be completed automatically by dialing the Transcona directory listed number with all local to local calls on a flat rate basis.

The initial installation provided for 550 subscribers' services. An extension of 300 additional services are on order with the expected completion date being March 1948. The capacity of the manual switchboard at the time of cutover was 300 local services.

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His secretary was just comfortably ensconced on his lap when the boss looked up and saw his wife entering the office: "Mile High Furniture Company," he dictated rapidly. "Gentlemen: Shortages or no shortages, I can't do business with one chair."



After a quiet wedding and reception held on August 23rd at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Raynbird smile happily as they leave on their honeymoon. The bride, before her marriage, was Gladys Papineau, District No. 1 Commercial.



Cutting their wedding cake are Mr. and Mrs. John M. McArter. They were married on June 14th at St. Andrew's Church, Hartney, Man. The bride was formerly Jean Wood, day operator at Boissevain.



Signing the register are Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilson who were married on September 20th at King Memorial Church. Mrs. Wilson is the former Margaret Grieve of the Contract Dept.



A real telephone wedding took place on October 11th when Winnie Gibson became the bride of Albert Pilgrim at Gordon United Church. The bride was formerly of District No. 1 Commercial and the groom is a member of the Collection Dept.



Coming down the aisle of St. Matthew's Church after their wedding ceremony on June 7th are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bryson. The bride is the former Milliecent Lowry of the Information Dept.



I.B.T.W. *Annual Banquet*
AT BRANDON





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I.B.T.W. ANNUAL BANQUET

THE annual district convention of the Independent Brotherhood of Telephone Workers was held at Brandon on September 27th. A large number of members and employees travelled by bus and car from Winnipeg to Brandon for the event.

A well-attended meeting was held at 5 p.m. at which matters of general interest were discussed and a supplementary pension plan for I.B.T.W. members was outlined. A period of silence was observed for deceased country members, respect being paid to the late F. White of Portage la Prairie and D. P. Sherlock of Souris.

The meeting was followed by a dinner in the Prince Edward Hotel at which Messrs. P. Millar and W. H. Backhouse were present. Following the dinner the Commissioner spoke of the difficulties the System was facing and outlined measures being taken to cope with the situation. Two retiring I.B.T.W. members, C. Butler and A. Elsworth were recipients of parting gifts which were presented on behalf of the organization by A. Warne and E. Powell.

An evening of entertainment followed, E. Sellers acting as master of ceremonies, assisted by members of CKX.

The dinner and entertainment were open to all M.T.S. employees. T. Todd, I.B.T.W. President, was in charge of arrangements and much credit is due him and Messrs. H. Peters and B. Tilley for the success of the convention. The co-operation extended by the Telephone Executive Committee was much appreciated.



ORGANIZATION CHANGES

This is a new feature by means of which interested readers may be kept in touch with changes of personnel in official and supervisory positions within the System. The

following appointments have recently been made:

Architect

Mr. R. B. Ross has been transferred from the Provincial Government as architect for the System.

Commercial Department

Mr. F. V. Gange—Asst. General Commercial Superintendent.

Mr. H. J. Harris—General Commercial Supervisor.

Mr. E. Rayner—Development and Sales Supervisor.

Mr. A. Paul—Chief Clerk in Sales Department.

Mr. G. A. Woolverton—Chief Clerk in Contract Department.

Mr. H. W. Briggs—Chief Clerk in Collection Department.

Personnel Department

Mr. G. H. Vivian—Chief Clerk in charge of employment.



Condensed Earnings Report for Six Months Ending September 30, 1947.

REVENUE:	
Exchange Revenue	\$2,143,283.02
Toll Revenue	819,754.77
Sundry Net Earnings	15,807.36
Total	\$2,978,845.15
EXPENSES:	
Operation	\$ 793,683.19
Current Maintenance	634,141.07
Taxes	940.80
Total	1,428,765.06
Surplus on Operation	\$1,550,080.09
FIXED CHARGES:	
Plant Replacement	\$ 173,888.04
Interest	542,668.14
Total	716,556.18
Balance Net Earnings.....	\$ 833,523.91

The following are the gains in Subscribers' Stations for the last six months:

Winnipeg	1,122
Provincial Local	598
Provincial Rural	991



OVERHEARD ON THE PARTYLINE

Voter: "Why I wouldn't vote for you if you were St. Peter himself."

Candidate: "If I were St. Peter you couldn't vote for me. You wouldn't be in my district."

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A modest girl never pursues a man. Nor does a mouse trap pursue a mouse.

* * *

Joe was dead and Elmer called on the widow to express his sympathy. "Joe and I were mighty close friends," Elmer said. "Isn't there something I could have to remember him by?" Tearfully she raised her eyes and whispered softly, "Would I do?"

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"Mom, can I go to the zoo to see the monkeys?" "Shame on you! The idea of wanting to go to the zoo to see the monkeys when your Aunt Erma is here."

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Sunday School Teacher: "Who can tell me what we must do before we can expect forgiveness of sin?"

Wilbur: "Well, first we have got to sin."

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"But, folks! All I said was, 'Where do you want it installed?'"

—Bell Telephone News

At the public library a small boy presented a well-worn, dirty volume at the return desk. The librarian glanced at the book, leaned forward to take in the size of the boy, and then remarked, "This is rather technical, isn't it?"

Planting his feet firmly on the ground, the boy, half defiant, half apologetic, said, "It was that way when I got it."

* * *

Doctor: "You must avoid all forms of excitement."

Patient: "Can't I even look at them on the street?"

* * *

Clerk: "Here's a pretty card with a lovely sentiment: 'To the only girl I ever loved'."

Customer: "Good, I'll take twelve of them."

* * *

At a naval training centre a pharmacist's mate was preparing to fingerprint a recruit. "Wash you hands," he instructed.

"Both of them?" asked the sailor-to-be.

The pharmacist's mate hesitated. "No," he said, grimly, "Just one. I want to see how you do it."

* * *

The old man neglected to assist his wife out of the street car.

"John," she said, "you are not so gallant as when you were a boy."

"No," he replied, "and you are not so buoyant as when you were a gal."

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Here's something to try when you have a spare moment. Take your house number, double it—add five—multiply by 50—add your age—add 365—subtract 615—the last two figures will be your age; the others will be your house number.

* * *

The judge had just awarded a divorce to a wife who had charged non-support.

"And," he said to the husband, "I have decided to give your wife \$50.00 a month."

"That's fine, judge," the man replied, "and once in a while I'll try to slip her a few bucks myself."

A SHOWER FOR MARGARET GRIEVE



Top—Models in the Fashion Show.

Centre—The guest of honor receives her gifts, in boxes arranged to form a wedding cake, from Eleanor McKenzie.

Bottom—Hostess for the evening, standing: Y. Sauve, D. Lickley, N. Smith, E. McKenzie, M. Chalmers, D. Warmington, P. Day, I. McNeil; sitting: V. Hambleton, Margaret, M. Thomson.

The Contract girls held a kitchen shower for Margaret Grieve on September 10th. The hostesses for the evening were: M. Thomson, P. Day, Y. Sauve, D. Lickley, V. Hambleton, I. McNeil, E. McKenzie, N. Smith, M. Chalmers and D. Warmington. Mrs. A. Grieve and Mrs. E. Wilson presided over the tea table.

The entertainment for the evening was provided by the Contract Cuties (both past and present) when they staged a fashion show. (Any resemblance to Margaret's trousseau is highly improbable.)

The highlight of the show was the wedding gown modelled by Muriel Chalmers. The dress was of white satin (knee length), with a flowered head-dress and a floor length veil which upon reaching the floor created a slight train. She carried a small nosegay of nondescript flowers.

Irene McNeil gave a preview of the new care-free style of afternoon wear. The reconverted lampshade is a hat anyone can wear becomingly. (For reference see the model.)

Doreen Lickley and Pearl Day modelled evening wear. Doreen was attired in a casual but elegant new length dress. Note the stunning bag! Pearl created a sensation with her formal evening dress — purple will no doubt be the colour for 1948.

Dorothy Warmington displayed a nightgown and cap, carrying a candle and a cup of water for her teeth, and Yvonne Sauve wore the lingerie of this daring age.

Showing the new trend in sportswear were: Madeline Thomson, Vi Hambleton and Ellie McKenzie. Vi previewed the newest fashion in bathing suits, a one-piece suit — a novelty these days. Madeline sported something new in the line of summer play togs. The smartly striped slacks and the leftover top of winter flannel will be all the go in next year's fashions. Ellie displayed the winter togs of 1948. Brightness of color will be the new mode next year. (For a better idea of these fashions please consult the photo.)

PIONEER NEWS First Social Evening



Chapter No. 50 held its first social evening of the season in the club rooms in Sherbrook Exchange on Oct. 7.

Entertainment was provided by W. Davidson of CKY who sang a number of selections, and Billy Komar, a piano accordionist. There was community

singing with Joe Lyons at the piano and later the guests played bingo or bridge. Refreshments were served bringing to a close a very enjoyable evening. There were 60 present.

Well Known Pioneer Dies

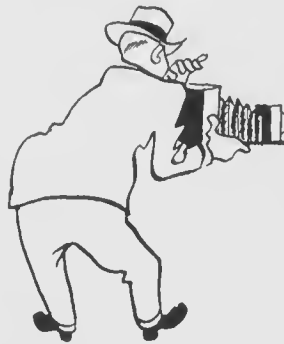
Alan W. Whiting, Installation Superintendent of the Telephone Division of the Northern Electric Company, Montreal, died suddenly on September 3rd. He was in his 67th year. Mr. Whiting was an active member of the Charles Fleetford Sise Chapter of the Telephone Pioneers.

ANNUAL GOLF

The twenty-sixth annual Telephone Golf Club was St. Boniface Course Sunday 7th, with more than thirty



Left—The Champion! A. E. Margetts, City Plant Dept., proudly displays his Championship Cup, won with a score of 88.



OWING to the early morning start on wet greens and the number of trips into the bush for lost balls the scoring was not as good as was expected. However, A. E. Margetts played consistent golf and was rewarded by winning the Club Championship with a score of 88. H. McMaster finished in runner-up position with a 94. G. Mitchell won the Handicap event with a 76 nett, followed by G. Henderson.

The prize shot of the day was played by Jack Beech on the 160 yard 6th hole, when his tee shot hit Frank Griffith, who was standing on the green, and rolled to within 10 feet of the hole. No rules or ribs were broken on the play.

Following are the scores:

Championship	Hdep.	Gross	Nett
A. E. Margetts	88
Runner-up			
H. McMaster	94
Lowry Cup Handicap			
G. Mitchell	21	97	76
Runner-up			
G. Henderson	20	96	76

Left—That ball of T. Williams went straight down the fairway as he teed off on the first hole. Awaiting their turns are: A friend of T. Williams, G. Mitchell and F. Griffith.



Watching R. Gosling as he drives are S. Tingle and W. McGowan.

Outside the clubhouse after the tournament a group of the club members discuss their scores. Standing—l. to r. Nault (caddy for father), J. A. Thompson, G. Forsythe, W. C. Turner, T. R. Front -- S. T. Gosling.

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annual tournament of the Club was played on the course Sunday, September than thirty participating.



	Hdep.	Gross	Nett
S. Tingle	21	97	76
F. Griffith	23	100	77
A. Laidlaw	21	99	78
W. McGowan	26	104	78
L. Turner	30	108	78
J. Beech	18	97	79
J. Anderson	26	105	79
A. W. Willie	26	105	79
H. Best	30	109	79
T. Williams	21	101	80
L. Goodman	23	103	80
G. McDonald	23	104	81
J. Jamieson	27	108	81
T. Reekie	18	100	82
S. Headon	29	111	82
D. Walker	32	115	83
W. Cramp	30	114	84
T. Cousins	16	101	85
W. Badger	23	108	85
W. Ladyman	31	116	85
R. Forsythe	32	117	85
D. Grant	31	117	86
R. Gosling	9	96	87
G. Kauffman	32	123	91
A. Thompson	32	126	94

J. Vinet withdrew to play baseball and J. Adams and G. Nault on account of a golf ball shortage.

Right — Concentrating on his putting is J. Beech. G. McDonald and H. McMaster stand by.



Right—On the green—H. Best, putting while L. Goodman looks on.

R. Gosling drives angle and fan.

Outside the club house after the tournament, a group of the golfers discuss their scores. Standing—l. to r.: R. Nault (caddy for his father), J. Adams, A. Thompson, G. Nault, R. Forsythe, W. Cramp, L. Turner, T. Reekie. Front -- S. Tingle, R. Gosling



HONOURING WINNIE GIBSON



WINNIE GIBSON, of District No. 1 Commercial, was the guest of honor at a shower on October 1st.

During the evening a presentation of a blanket, a pair of sheets and a pair of pillowcases was made by Mildred Cashmore. Later the guests combined their efforts in making a bride's book.

The tea table was presided over by Mrs. T. Gibson.



Top — Mrs. T. Gibson, the bride-elect's mother; the guest of honor, and her sister Ethel, of the Paymaster's Office.
Centre — Hostesses for the evening, l. to r.: E. McCook, M. McDermot, J. Mazuryk, E. Nesbitt, A. Pennell, B. Whitaker, J. Groat, Winnie, N. McKellar, M. McLellan, M. Cashmore, L. Fuller.
Bottom — Mildred Cashmore presents Winnie with her gift.

Employees' Death Benefit Plan

Your Administration Committee reports as follows:

Number of contributors reported in "Echo,"

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Less Deceased, D. P. Sherlock, 14-9-47.

Less Resigned, etc.:

W. J. Shillington, E. E. Preddy, D. G. Meakin,
M. D. E. Arpin, K. F. Munn, P. E. Pargeter,
L. E. Spillett, L. A. Cluett, R. I. McConnell,
S. J. Joyce, R. Cousans, L. Smith, L. K.
Watts, M. H. S. Grieve, A. A. McRae, B. E.
Boyd, A. M. Peters, M. E. Hamilton, P. B.
Mollard, R. Getty, F. R. Hook, N. M. Elliott,
J. Martin, A. M. Kirkup, L. M. Ramsay,
C. E. Butler, G. F. Ericson, J. W. H. Maxwell 29

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Hershfeldt, H. I. Appleyard, L. B. Finnen,
M. E. Vandenberghe, M. E. Brownridge,
M. E. McRae, D. R. McFarlane, B. C. B.
Aylward, F. E. Bonnar, B. L. Harris, M. E.
Bcswitherrick, R. B. Ross, M. J. Hird, Mrs.
M. Wayne, O. R. M. Goulet, C. M. Witte-
vrongel, L. M. Tickles, I. M. Coutts, M. E. J.
Fairlie, J. E. McNichol, L. E. Gillespie, M. L.
Graham, A. Oliver, R. M. Frazer, M. L.
Black, J. J. Boychuk, M. Loza, D. M. Stev-
ens, M. M. Hunt, M. O. Andrews, J. H.
Smart, H. M. Arseneau, V. Petersen, B. L.
Whitaker. Re-instated, E. C. Taylor and
G. E. Whitaker 44

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New Applications received and accepted:

I. E. Halicki, M. A. Malmquist, L. Walters,
H. M. Peckover, M. G. Longphee, H. B. Sou-

A Death Benefit in the amount of \$1,159.00 was paid to the beneficiary of D. P. Sherlock, who died Sept. 14th, 1947.



In the **REALM** *of the* **HOME**

Editor: **EDITH BULLOCK**

Window Shades Dress Up!

SOARING food prices and the current hem-line problem are monopolizing conversations and straining budgets today. So much so, that many housewives feel their home decorating plans must take a back seat. But this refurnishing urge can still be solved . . . thanks to American Home Magazine, which has created 12 exciting designs that you can apply yourself to your window shades. You can get a preview by writing your editor for the leaflet of sketches that show how to put new color in your rooms for a modest sum. The designs themselves are available from the magazine.

The window shade that has long been a utility item in the background has stepped into the foreground this fall. If your present shades are in good condition you can use them. Perhaps you're tired of your basic color scheme. Decorating your shades is an easy way to change it or to emphasize your new color choice. You may have too many colors in your room—choose

your favorites, and eliminate the extras that make your room confusing.

You can select from 12 patterns . . . sprays of lacy leaves, gay yellow daisies, or bunches of red and pink carnations, to enhance your shades.

These designs can be either stencilled or traced onto your window shade. When you trace your pattern on the shade, it's wise to tack your pattern and carbon paper down with tape to prevent it from slipping. Trace your design lightly to keep the pencil lines from showing through the paint. Either poster paint or a utility paint may be used. Both dry almost immediately.

Each design has complete directions and suggested colors. Don't let your enthusiasm find you applying paint before you've checked to see that these colors are right for your room. Let the exposure of your room, the type of furniture, and your present colors guide you, and your decorated window shades will perk up your interior and give it a new lease on life.



Photograph courtesy Window Shade Institute.
Delight your youngster by decorating his bedroom shade with a big sleeping jumbo surrounded by wide-eyed story book animals.

For Christmas



For the young miss who has just started school a good sturdy dress with a button-on bib — two pieces with a one piece look. A simple pouf of a blouse beneath and she's ready for school, looking as pert and pretty as possible! Simplicity Pattern No. 1843. Sizes 1-6.

MOST people create a crisis every Christmas with a last minute scramble, shopping for gifts that always cost far more than they'd planned!

Now, wouldn't it be wonderful if this year you could remember everyone on your list without impairing the family budget? When you sew for Christmas you can make pretty, practical gifts for a fraction of the sum you would spend for similar gifts ready made! Moreover, you can sit peacefully by your radio while you stitch them together. It's just a matter of selecting the patterns and fabrics you'll need, plus a few spare hours — and before you can say "Dasher and Blitzen" you'll be tying the gifts with tinsel ribbons!



Mother or any other penny-wise housewife would prefer a pretty, yet practical, gift! We know she'll love these hemstitched guest towels with personalized floral cross-stitch monograms. They can be made for pennies, but certainly look expensive. Contrast, harmonize, mix and match the colors and get entirely new effects for each set of towels. It's fun to give gifts made from Simplicity Pattern No. 7229, which includes detailed instructions for embroidery.



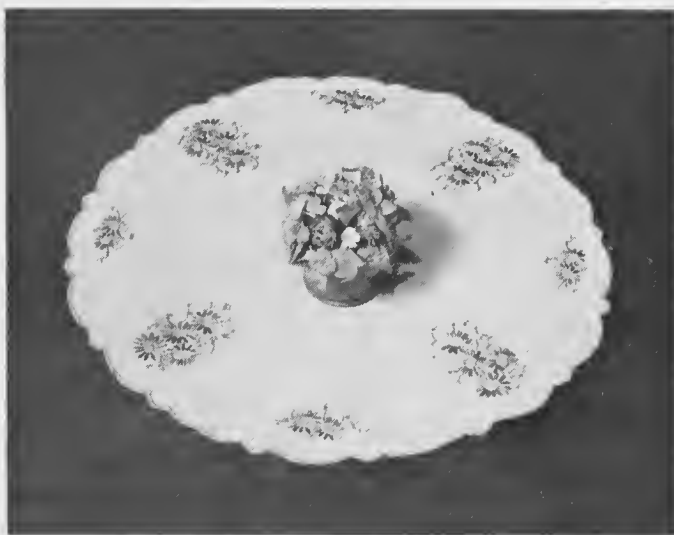
A compact cover would be a delightful gift for any young girl. This one is worked in bright colors, depicting a bird in flight. For complete instructions please write your editor.



"The Personality Kids" . . . That's what you'll call the Picanniny Rag Dolls made with Simplicity Transfer Pattern No. 7329. Their big, flirty eyes and broad grins will endear them to any youngster on Christmas morn and every morning after! They both stand about 17 inches high and are dressed in bright "plantation" togs. Both dolls and their clothes are included in the pattern with complete instructions.



If the sandman is late in coming, woo him on his way with this long-sleeve nightie made from Simplicity Pattern No. 1956. Sizes 6 mos. to 6 yrs.



This pretty doily with its daisy pattern will please mother or even daughter — for her hope chest. It's inexpensive to make and will be a useful gift that will be appreciated. For instructions please write your editor.

In Memoriam

FREDERICK J. WHITE

On September 1st Frederick J. White, who had served a total of 36 years with the System, died suddenly at his home following a heart seizure.

Fred was born in Cowansville, Que., in 1889. Starting his telephone career as a night operator with the Bell Telephone Co. in Cowansville he came west to Carberry in 1911 to work under S.



Clark with whom he had previously been associated in the telephone business. In 1912 he worked on rural installations and switchboards. Moving to Souris in April 1913 he became an Inspector. In 1917 he was transferred to Brandon as Districtman and later that year he became Wire Chief. From July 1st until November 15th, 1919, he was Foreman of a Construction Gang and in 1921 he took over the position

of Wire Chief at Portage la Prairie where he remained until the time of his death.

During his residence in Portage la Prairie Fred took an active interest in many community endeavours. For a number of years he was Property Chairman on the City School Board. A member of St. Mary's Anglican Church he served on the vestry and other organizations within the church. He belonged to the Masonic Order, being a Past Master of Assiniboine Lodge. He was one of the first members of the Boy Scout Association in Portage. A sports enthusiast and a keen gardener he was a regular exhibitor in the M. T. S. Annual Horticultural Show.

Surviving are his widow, two daughters and three sons.

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DONALD P. SHERLOCK

Donald P. Sherlock, 38, died on September 14th after 17 years' service with the System.

Born in Killarney, Man., in 1909, Don was first employed by the System as a labourer, in June 1930. In October 1932 he became a linesman working at Souris, Pilot Mound, Killarney, Rapid City and Boissevain until December 1944, when he became District Troubleshooter at Souris, which position he held at the time of his death.

In fraternal circles he was a member of the Masonic Order.

He is survived by his widow, one son and one daughter.

A Shower is Held in Honor of Gladys Papineau



Above: The guest of honor smiles happily as she unwraps her gift of a wool bed throw and a pair of sheets while her mother looks on.

Right: Mildred Cashmore, District No. 1 Commercial, presents Gladys with her gift and wishes her happiness for the future.



Left: Pictured here are the hostesses for the evening: Mildred Cashmore, Norma McKellar, Winnie Gibson, Margaret McClellan, Gladys, Mary McDermot, Lillian Fuller, Betty Whitaker and Jessie Groat. Missing: Elda Nesbitt, Audrey Pennell, Jenny Mazuryk, Germain Jerome and Eva McCook.

Wanted: A Telephone With a Room

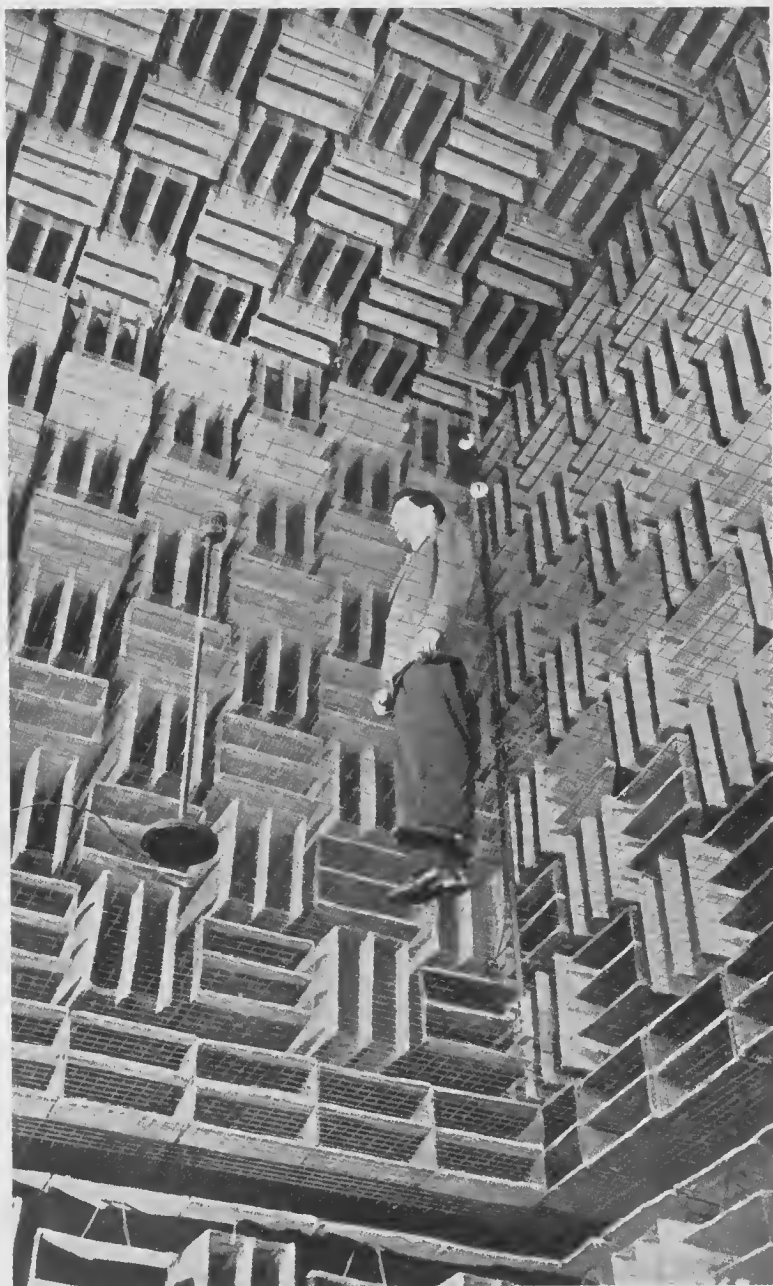
"A telephone with room," was the request of a USO entertainer who returned from the Pacific and scurried around San Francisco looking for hotel accommodations. He didn't care what kind of a room, as long as it had a telephone and once he had secured it, he

settled himself comfortably, dug out a pocketful of notes and proceeded to make 425 long distance calls. With time out for sleeping, it required several days. But when he had finished, 425 families and friends had received personal messages from GI's overseas.

— *The Monitor.*

The Quietest Place on Earth

THIS ultra-soundproof room which has just been constructed at Bell Telephone Laboratories, Murray Hill, New Jersey, in the interest of improved telephone service, is designed to be the quietest place on earth. Even the beat of your heart breaks the silence in this completely sealed but carefully airconditioned chamber. Engineers will use it in fundamental acoustical research. To eliminate all surfaces that would reflect sound, the walls, ceiling and sub-floor are lined with saw-tooth wedges of fibre glass to a depth of five feet. The unique working floor resembles the hitting surface of a tennis racket and consists of high-strength steel cables only eight-hundredths of an inch thick, strung under high tension in two-inch mesh from the walls. Capable of safely supporting tons of equipment, the netting feels like a heavy rubber mat when walked on. Dimensions inside the sound insulation are 35 feet in length, 28 feet wide and 28 feet high. —*Cincinnati Telephone Bulletin.*



An Iowa railroad fireman, who likes to telephone famous people, recently placed a long-distance call to Moscow and talked with Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov "just to be sociable," the Associated Press reports.

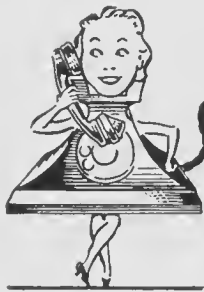
M. E. Schroeder of Oelwein, Ia., said he and Molotov chatted about railroading and the Midwest. The Foreign Minister then handed his phone to his secretary. Several

other girls in his office butted in on the conversation. One of them, the Iowan said, sounded very disappointed when he said he hadn't been to Hollywood.

Molotov spoke in English with a heavy accent, said Schroeder, who added:

"It was the best \$22.50 I ever spent."

— *The Monitor.*



Exchange Gossip

Wise and Otherwise



TOLL DEPARTMENT

The summer holidays are pretty well over now. A few are away on their extra week and have had a real treat so far as weather is concerned.

Christmas looms ahead! Fingers are getting busy with the needles — socks (diamond and cable), scarves and sweaters grow daily. We are hoping to start weaving on a box loom soon, so there can be a variation in the gift program.

We are glad to welcome the following girls to our staff: G. Lewis, from Glenboro; M. Pow, from Emerson; D. Hess and M. Malmquist, from Elm Creek; D. Sandulak, from Sperling; and F. Perry, from Waskada.

Mary Marshall and Anne Wilson have returned from a holiday spent at Vancouver and points west. They travelled by bus and found it very pleasant and a first class way

to see new country and get around. While in Vancouver they saw several of our ex-operators living out there.



Spending a weekend at Winnipeg Beach, Misses A. Slute, Edna Stewart, Supervisor, and Agnes Shirley, C.O.'s clerk, are pictured while out for a stroll.

NEWCOMERS TO DISTRICT No. 1

Evelyn Egan

Audrey Pennell

Chris Slater

Florence Kohler



Mabel Ings has returned after one month's holiday spent with her sister, Mrs. Schonagen, in Victoria.

Mildred Black reports having had a good time while on vacation, though illness at home made it impossible for her to leave the city.

Jean Reynolds and Jean Gouglas have gone to live in Toronto. We wish them the best of luck.

We are sorry to report some of the girls are on the sick list. Agnes Coey has been away ill and is now taking her extra week's vacation. We hope that on her return she will be in good health.

Clairina Allary was in hospital for some days and away from work for a week. She is back now and feeling much better.

Dorothy Poff was rushed to hospital from work with appendicitis. Her condition was good on last report.

We were pleased to welcome Misses Carol Sather and Elaine Otto of Fargo, N.D., to the Department on October 28th.



BRANDON

Holiday time is over for another year. Doris Weightman has returned from her



Wes Cheavins, Brandon trouble-shooter, does a spot of angling now and then. Here he has on display a 10 lb. 6 oz. Northern Pike, caught in the Assiniboine River, near Brandon.

trip to the west coast and Alma McCulloch and Kae Munn from Winnipeg, where they spent their vacations this year.

Clear Lake seems to have been the popular holiday resort this summer, as Lois Richardson, Verl Avery, Jean Hamilton and Jean Chalmers will all agree.



Betty Boyd, Brandon day operator, left the System on September 30th. Before her departure she was presented with a gift from the staff.

Mrs. N. H. Williamson and Mrs. J. McArter, former operators, are back relieving at the board.

Good luck to Florence Boreskie who has returned to school to study music. However, we have not lost her entirely, as she is still working part time.

Mrs. J. McArter and Marg. Coker entertained at a miscellaneous shower at the home of the former, in honor of Rae Cousans. The guest of honor was presented with a corsage and some lovely gifts.



Beth Johnson is the newest addition to Brandon's operating staff.

Kae Munn entertained at her home before leaving to reside in Vancouver.

Everything happens in three's, so they say,

and this time it's "sparklers." The happy girls are: Vera Avery, Jean Chalmers and Edith Cruse.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Eileen Murray on the recent death of her brother.

We were pleased to have Mrs. Smith, a Chicago operator, visit our office, also Eileen Brown, a Dauphin operator, who was the guest of Lois Richardson this summer.



CARBERRY

Congratulations to the staff of the Bois-savain and Stonewall offices for their wonderful showing in the Best Kept Premises Competition. This year we have only a light patch on our wall to show where the Dyer Shield hung but we hope to have it back next year as bright and shining as ever.

Soon the office will settle back into the old routine as the last of the holidays draw to a close and Gwen Kneeshaw, who has been our holiday relief operator, will no longer be on the payroll.

The holiday season has been a long one this year, starting with Beryl Coutts' vacation spent at Wasagaming in June. Daisy Kindree is spending her holidays in the east, gadding from Toronto to Montreal and writing home pleading for just five weeks more. Verna Rasmusson visited around Regina, Ena Switzer vacationed in Winnipeg, while Agnes Reid and Mr. Chalmers stayed close to home gloating over their excellent gardens. Mr. Chalmers really went in for roses in a big way this year and his garden boasted four varieties, all of which bloomed 'n' bloomed.

When the September "Echo" arrived this scribe broke two finger nails in her rush to open the parcel and read the Swan River news. However, since the advent of Troubleman Bob Tillotson it seems as if Swan River hasn't had any news it can print. Anyway, "Hello, Bob, hope you like your new home and that the town takes kindly to Butch."

We wonder how Dale Carnegie, author of the famous book "How to Win Friends and Influence People," would handle irate subscribers who think operators are getting uppity. It seems that some of them have had telephones for years and have never before looked up a number or been refused the time of day.



CYPRESS RIVER

Edith Arbuckle, C.O. of Crystal City, visited our office recently. We also had a brief call from Frieda Hiebert, C.O. at Plum Coulee.

Jones—Cannons

The wedding of Bernice, Chief Operator at Cypress River and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cannons, to David, son of Mrs. J. Jones and the late Mr. Jones, was held in the United Church on June 21st. Rev. J. Gawthrop officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white satin gown finished with a bustle bow of the material. The skirt swept into a full court train. Her shoulder veil was held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms.

Irene Cannons was bridesmaid for her sister and wore a floor length gown of blue crepe, made on Grecian lines. She wore a chapel veil and carried pink carnations. Verna Berry, niece of the bride, was flower girl. She wore a yellow taffeta dress and carried mixed flowers. Jack Jones, brother of the groom, was best man. Martin Moody and Len Cannons were ushers.

A reception was held in the church basement, after which Mr. and Mrs. Jones left on a short honeymoon.

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Dorothy Morrow of Holland frequently drops in when she is out joy-riding. We notice that she clings to the M.T.S. even when joy-riding.

If Elmer Patterson would only come around more often life would not be so dull. How about matching for the drinks, Elmer? Cokes, of course.

Beulah Angst intends taking a trip to Edmonton. We only hope that she does not come back with any romantic ideas about Alberta.

We miss Lena Wayte's voice at Glenboro and hope that she will soon be well again. We wonder what she did in Toronto! Gwen has worked hard taking over on such short notice and during such a busy time.



DAUPHIN

Our best wishes to our newest brides, Gwen Meakin, Marion Murchie, Lorraine Spillet and Gertrude Kemp. Prior to their leaving showers and presentations were given each of them.

We welcome to our staff Doris Johnston of Roblin as our Chief Operator, Orma Andrews, Beryl Finnen, Louise Puls, Florence Nicholson, Shirley Sholdice and ex-operator Edythe Taylor.

Blanche Archer was the first to go on her holidays this year visiting in Vancouver, B.C. Florence Williamson and Jean McNaughton vacationed in Toronto, Buffalo, London and Sudbury; Irene Little and Beryl Johnston

in Winnipeg, Kay Morgan at Dominion City; "Mac" at Wasagaming, "Toots" Baird at Morden, Zella Chute and Gwen Dunfield at home.

Eileen Brown is back after relieving at Wasagaming for the summer months.

Jean McNaughton has been made Supervisor and Beryl Johnston is cashier.



ELGIN

Marion Honeyman, former Elgin operator, now at Roblin, paid us a few visits while home on holidays, also Miss Rhoda McBurney of the Winnipeg operating staff.

Welcome to newcomer Eileen Pearson of Brandon.

Donna Spratt, relief operator, has left to take a business course. Best of luck, Donna.

Ilene Grant spent her holidays at Miami, Man., this year; Ellen St. John at Boissevain and Winnipeg; and Helen Janz at Calgary and Banff.



ELKHORN

During vacation Gladys Shepherd went east to Kenora and Georgina Niven to Indian Head, Sask., while Jean Lidster stayed close to home, making several short trips to visit friends and entertaining relatives from Chicago.



GILBERT PLAINS

The holiday season is over but that doesn't mean settling down to another year's work for all of us. Alice Peters and Ina Longmuir have decided to take on a more permanent position so both have left to be married.

A hearty welcome to our newest trainee, Ruby Peters.

Lily Peters, our night operator, hasn't let us in on any of her plans, but we wonder what is the meaning of that "Hale" stone on the third finger left hand. Incidentally, Lil is engaged to Bill Hale.

A miscellaneous shower was held for Ina Longmuir, a bride-elect of November, when Mrs. Mae Sawyer and Mrs. Elva Smith entertained thirty-five guests at the home of the latter. The room and chair in which the guest of honor was seated were beautifully decorated in pink and white streamers. An enjoyable time was spent doing various contests after which the bride-elect was presented with a gasoline barrel, the contents of which were numerous lovely gifts. Ina expressed her

thanks and invited those present to visit her in her new home. A delicious lunch was served by the hostesses bringing to a close a very enjoyable evening.



GRANDVIEW

Congratulations to the Boissevain staff on winning the Rose Bowl Trophy in the Best Kept Premises Contest. We also extend congratulations to all other offices who won prizes and honorable mention in this competition.

Elsie Kydd, Marge McInnis and Ordella Payne are once again busy making plans for an I.O.D.E. Dance. This one is to be a Hallowe'en Frolic on October 31st. Here's wishing you success, girls.

We are losing Elsie Kydd, day operator, at the end of October. She is taking over the position of Chief Operator at Gilbert Plains.

The girls at the office are thinking of having the Chief Operator train them in the fine art of golfing next season as we hear she became quite an expert at the game while on holidays in Saskatoon.



HAMIOTA

Saturday, September 27th, Messrs. P. Millar, W. H. Backhouse, R. B. Ross and C. E. R. Collins visited the office.

We were also pleased to see Miss M. Stevenson.

Dorothy left recently to be married and in her place we have Pearl Shackelford.



HARTNEY

Velma Turner of Carberry, who was relieving for the holidays is now on our permanent staff.

The Hartney staff wish to extend their sympathy to Mrs. D. P. Sherlock and family on their recent bereavement.

The reason for the big smile Laura Fry is wearing these days is a beautiful diamond on the third finger, left hand.

Congratulations to Boissevain on winning the Rose Bowl in the Best Kept Premises Competition.

Flanigan—Thirde

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mrs. J. Fergus, aunt of the bride,

on August 19th, when Jeane Thirde, day operator at Hartney and second daughter of Mr. J. R. Thirde and the late Mrs. Thirde, was united in marriage to Alfred Flanigan, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Flanigan of Rapid City. Rev. Frieber officiated.

The ceremony took place before a bower window, decorated with ferns, multi-colored gladioli and sweet peas. Miss G. Cowan presided at the organ and during the signing of the register, Miss Alice Thirde, sister of the bride, sang "Because."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, looked lovely in an afternoon dress of Heavenly blue wool crepe, with white accessories. She wore a corsage of pink Talisman roses.

She was attended by her sister, Miss Anna Thirde of Winnipeg, who wore a two-piece rose wool dress and a corsage of cream rose buds.

Following the ceremony a buffet luncheon was served with members of the telephone staff assisting. The couple then left by car for Rapid City where they will make their home.



HOLLAND

Holidays are over for this year. Dorothy Morrow spent her two weeks in Chicago and reports having a wonderful time. We would



Above — Some of the beautiful flowers in the garden at the rear of Holland Exchange.



Left — Districtman G. H. Morrison.

like to report that our lines were not fixed nearly as satisfactorily while she was away. Alice Hildebrand of Plum Coulee took Dorothy's place while she was on vacation.

Frances Wright spent her holidays at Winnipeg and West Hawk Lake.

Donna Hamilton, former night operator, left us on August 1st to take a course in Home Economics. We wish her every success. Muriel Graham is our new night operator.

Last week we received our new operating chair and we find it much more comfortable than the old one.

Mrs. Frank Muirhead of Carman, former day operator dropped in to say "Hello" when passing through town.

We hear that congratulations are in order for Elmer Patterson who really surprised everyone and took the fatal step on October 1st.



KENTON



Winnifred McDowell, Kenton day operator, made a beautiful maid of honor recently at the wedding of a friend. She is seen at the extreme right.

The long awaited event has happened—our office is being moved to Woodnorth Avenue. Although not a new office, it is very nice.

Bessie Bridger spent a week of her holidays at Clear Lake and the remainder helping the carpenter remodel her home.

Mabel Brandon vacationed at Clear Lake and reported having a good time. She did some roller skating with no bones broken.

We enjoyed having Miss Margaret Stevenson with us and found her very helpful. We hope she will come again soon.

Lorraine Bray, our relief operator, has left the System for a new position. And in her place we have Mrs. M. Tunningly.

We were pleased to have Messrs. A. Caldwell, C. E. R. Collins and R. Cavanagh visit us.



LYLETON

Julia Waiser went on her vacation first this year spending a few days in Winnipeg and the rest of the time at Milson. Cecelia Birch was next and vacationed at home, in Broomhill. Jessie Little visited in Winnipeg.

Foreman T. Weiss and his gang did some construction work here in August, installing seven new telephones. We still have a number of applications to be filled.

Districtman Ewen was laid up for a few days, having injured his side in a fall. This is the second fall this month. Have to watch your step, Scotty.



MELITA

Our newest bride is Alda Kirkup whose marriage took place on October 4th. The staff presented Alda with a tablecloth before she left.

Florence Thompson has taken over the duties of night operator and we are training Julia Dyer for relief operator.

Are we ever pleased with our new furnace. We can check the fire now before it has completely burned out and not be afraid of being asphyxiated.

Congratulations to all offices winning prizes in the Best Kept Premises Competition. We are pleased the judges saw fit to give us honorable mention.



MACGREGOR

Our night operator, Muriel Collins, relieved in Gladstone for six weeks this summer.

Our former Inspector, Mr. Turner, and Mrs. Turner, are home again after spending the summer in the United States.

Onnaltee Wanchuk attended the wedding of her brother Harold in Kenora in August.

Margaret Gair spent her holidays at Winnipeg, Swan Lake and Portage.

Inspector Wenham and his gang have installed twenty-three new telephones this summer.



Mrs. Annie Roberts, Chief Operator at MacGregor, vacationed this year with her sister and brother-in-law of Chicago. They motored to South Dakota, travelling through the Bad Lands and Black Hills, and are shown here admiring the beauty of Mt. Rushmore. After spending two days at Pahaska Tepee Lodge, the former home of Bill Cody, famous as Buffalo Bill, they visited Yellowstone Park, Spokane and Glacier Park. Altogether they travelled 4,700 miles.



MINNEDOSA

Effie McLean is back after spending the summer as Chief Operator at Wasagaming.

Gwen Ericson is leaving to attend Bible School. Prior to leaving she was presented with a billfold from the staff.

We have Dan Smith's gang here now and are hoping for more new subscribers.

Mrs. Vint and family moved to Minnedosa during the holidays.



McAULEY

It never rains but it pours! Now we really know what rain is after last week's down-pour. It caused all our rural lines to go out of order but soon after cableman Stephenson came onto the scene they were all back in working order.

Doreen Parke, who was relieving at Boissevain, returned home to act as Chief Operator while Edna McDonald was on vacation. Since Edna's return Doreen has been sitting back waiting for a transfer. Best of luck, Doreen.

Our flower garden was really beautiful this year and received a great deal of praise from passers-by during the summer months. A local man, Lyn Parker, looked after it. We really appreciated your good work, Lyn.

Messrs. A. Caldwell, C. E. R. Collins and R. Cavanagh were visitors at the office during the past month.

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PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE

The staff presented Gwen Collins with a string of pearls when she left on account of ill health.

Georgina Sherret spent her holidays at Delta Beach; Isabelle McKay at Winnipeg and Regina; Mabel McFadden at home on the farm; Mary Kirkwood at home and in Winnipeg; Fern Galbraith on the farm; Ethel Cook at Keewatin and Winnipeg; and Ethel Abbott at home and Winnipeg.

Marjorie Patterson, day operator, went into Winnipeg on August 31st and returned with a radiant smile and a plain gold band on her finger. She was married to Melvin McDonald, R.C.N., of Esquimalt, B. C. Rev. A. E. Donnelly officiated. Eileen McDonald, sister of the groom was bridesmaid. Dave Logan of Portage la Prairie was best man. The bride's home is in Edwin, Man., and the groom's is in Portage. We wish them much joy and happiness. Marjorie will be with us for a while before she joins her husband at Esquimalt.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. F. J. Whyte and family in their great loss. We all miss Mr. Whyte very much.

We are sorry to say that Isabelle McKay has been called to Brandon on account of the illness of her sister. We wish her sister a speedy recovery.

The operators held a shower on Wednesday, October 1st, in honor of June Williamson, a bride-elect of this month.

The gifts were presented in a basket prettily decorated in pink and white. The chair of the bride-to-be was decorated in the same colors. The presentation of an end table was made by Jeanne Hewins and Margaret Sheridan on behalf of the staff. A dainty lunch was then served. Those assisting were G. Sherret, E. Abbott, J. Lang, J. Hewins and F. Patterson. Guests numbered 22.

We were very pleased to have a visit from Mrs. Bert Brown (nee Pearl Arrell), who with Mr. Brown, motored from Chicago to spend their vacation.

Elsie Lenton (nee Gordon), has been back to help us out for a few days. It's nice to have you back, Elsie.

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ROSSBURN

Shirley Phillips has left to be married. The staff presented her with a silver cream and sugar and tray.

Alice Peden spent one week of her holidays at Winnipeg Beach and one week at home entertaining a certain young man. Evelyn Bowman holidayed for two weeks at her home in Treherne.

Mrs. K. Strong (nee Kay Semaniuk), helped us out by relieving while we were on vacation. We certainly appreciate having the little blonde around.

We were very grateful to Mr. G. Miller for putting in our new keyboard. It was worth while staying up all night—wasn't it Dollie?

The night of the Amateur Program was a busy night in town. The big question is—Where was our Chief? We think the answer is—the R.C.M.P. caught up with her.

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SOMERSET

Congratulations to those who won prizes in the Best Kept Premises Competition this year.

Audrey Clark vacationed at Calgary and points west this summer. Yvonne Naismith visited at her home in Carberry for two weeks.

We were fortunate enough this fall to gain a regular relief operator. The Chief Operator and Day Operator are quite pleased about the whole affair as there will be no more night work for them. Evelyn Rheault is our new employee.

Mary Duchart, nee Mary Brewer, ex-Chief Operator, was a visitor to our office recently.

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SOURIS

We were glad to welcome Kay Perry back after being in charge of Grand Beach office for the summer.

Mrs. Carlisle, nee D. Crabb, is back in Souris. Our best wishes for a happy future, Dorothy. We will, no doubt, call on you for help when in need.

We said goodbye again to Lorna Woods who left for Toronto. We are glad to have you come back to see us each year, Lorna.

Congratulations to Marg Patterson on winning high honors in the poultry judging contest in connection with the Manitoba Extension Service. Her team won a trip to the Toronto Royal Fair. Hope you have an enjoyable trip, Margaret.

The staff extend their deepest sympathy to Mrs. D. P. Sherlock and family on their recent bereavement.

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THE PAS

We were very sorry to lose our second operator, Mrs. J. Atkins, in September. She left us to keep house for Jimmy. Before leaving Mr. Snider and the staff presented her with a brooch and the best wishes for her future happiness.

Since our last appearance in the Echo, we have acquired practically an entire new staff. Anita Weldon and Hazel Morton joined us this spring, and this fall, Sylvia Atkins and Helen Hetherington. We hope they will enjoy working with us and will stay a very long, long time.

Don Snider, our Districtman, spent his vacation and is spending all his spare time (what little he has), in building his new home. We think that he is doing a remarkable job and to show you what we mean, we will enclose a picture of the finished product next issue.



William Duncan Gilbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gilbert of Evansville, Indiana. Mrs. Gilbert was formerly Lillian Robertson, Chief Operator at The Pas. Billy made a 2000-mile trip this summer with his parents when they visited The Pas in August.

Things we would like to know:

Why Bill M. left town in such a hurry—destination unknown?

What geese have that Sylvia Atkins hasn't?

Why Corky bid in for The Pas when Doreen Dahl returned from Vancouver. (To this we might add—What has the M.T.S. got that the B.C. Telephone Co. hasn't?)

What office could possibly provide any bigger headaches for Mr. Peach than The Pas?

What could be more confusing to Helen Hetherington than all those lights and cords?

Why the town has a fire engine when Don Snider can run just as fast?

In what corner we are going to put our C.O. when the radio equipment is installed?

Why the younger employes of the C.N.R. gather at the home of Mrs. Morton when knitting circle night comes around? Could it be that Anita Weldon is teaching them how to knit?

Why Anita was cruelly chosen to write the Echo Notes?

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WAWANESA

We are pleased to welcome Districtman and Mrs. Loewen and family to Wawanesa. Hope they enjoy being with us.

Shirley Ailsby will be leaving us soon—the reason is a lovely diamond on the tell-tale finger.

We recently enjoyed a short visit from Beth Forsyth from Melita.

We were very pleased to win sixth prize in the Best Kept Premises Competition and would like to extend our congratulations to all other winners.



Newcomers to the Wawanesa office are: Ada Bowers, left, and Marlene Roney, above.



*In Winnipeg in Winter
There's Lots and Lots of Snow.*

